



**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**
Baltimore District

Public Notice

In Reply to Application Number
CENAB-OP-RMS(WICOMICO REGIONAL AIRPORT/RUNWAY 14-32/
REHAB&EXTENSION)2005-60956-18

PN 07-27

Comment Period: March 26, 2007 to April 16, 2007

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

The Baltimore District has received an application for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), as described below:

APPLICANT: Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico Regional Airport
ATTN: Robert Bryant
5485 Airport Terminal, Unit A
Salisbury, Maryland 21804

LOCATION: In nontidal wetlands adjacent to Ward Branch, near Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland.

WORK: This Public Notice is an addendum to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice (PN 06-10), which was originally published for the Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport to rehabilitate Runway 14-32 in order to enhance safety and correct non-compliant areas of the Airport environment as they relate to current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) design standards, and to extend Runway 32 by 900 feet. The filling and grading activities for that portion of the project would impact 29.5 acres. The permit application has been amended to include additional proposed impacts for Runway 5-23's safety area and for construction of a perimeter road in order to enhance safety and correct non-compliant areas of the Airport environment as they relate to current FAA design standards. The additional filling and grading activities would impact a total of 4.8 acres of wetlands contiguous to Runway 5-23 (3.7 acres-Exhibit 3) and for the perimeter road (1.1 acres-Exhibit 2). The combined 34.3 impacted areas are predominantly emergent non-tidal wetlands that have been regularly mowed for many years. Though not regulated by the Corps, an additional 5.2 acres of palustrine forested wetlands will be topped off to meet safety requirements (Exhibits 4&5). The Phase II Mitigation Plan has been developed for the off-site mitigation and consists of converting approximately 35 acres of prior converted cropland to mostly forested wetlands in the Wicomico County watershed. All work is to be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Eugene Morgenthaler at (410) 820-8629.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain

values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Maryland Department of the Environment. Any written comments concerning the work described above which relate to water quality certification must be received by the Standards and Certification Division Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1715, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1715, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. The 401 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year to make its decision.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

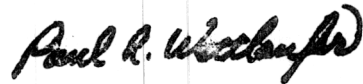
A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

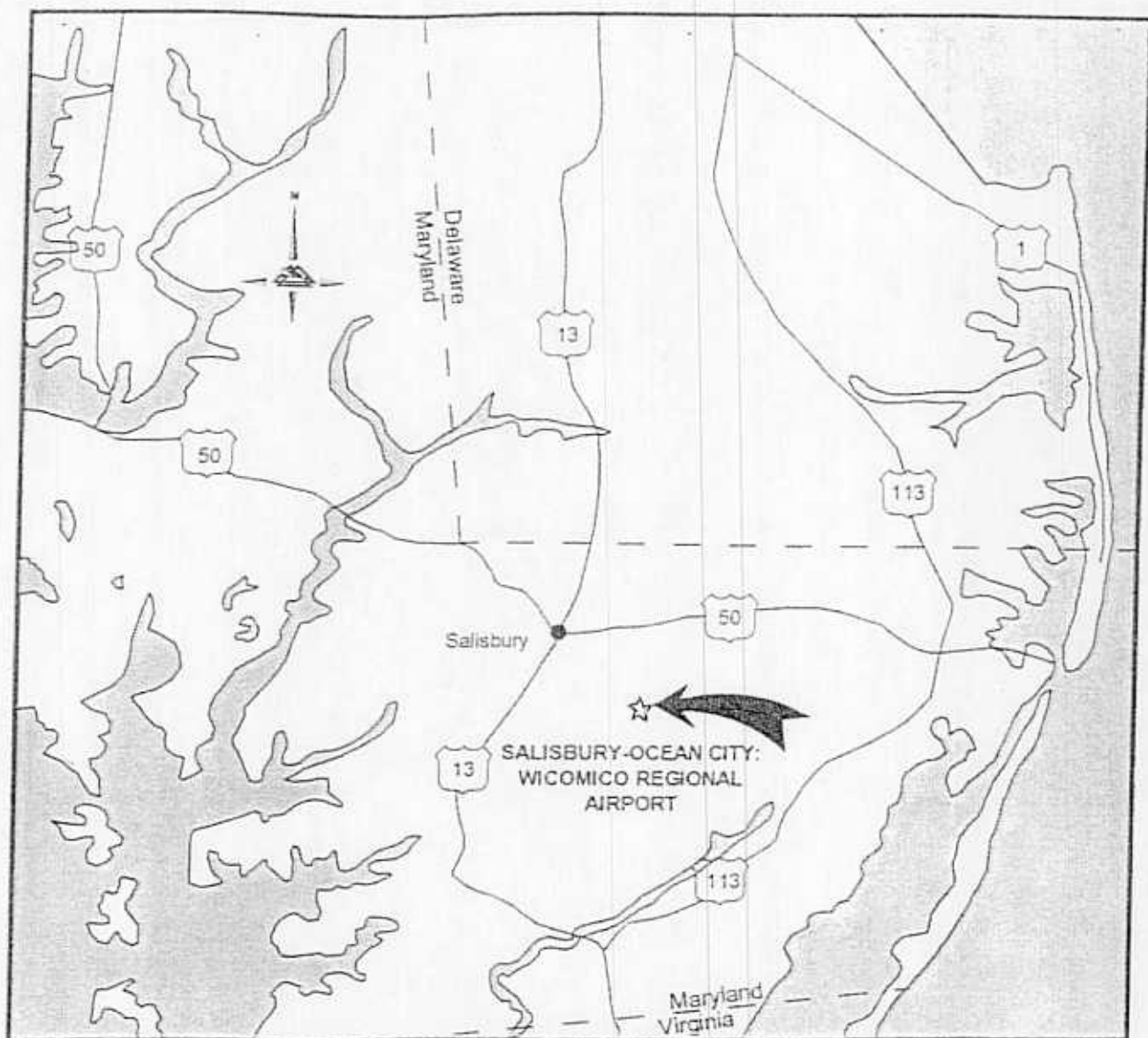
The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified as above to receive consideration. Also, it must clearly state forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity in the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

It is requested that you communicated the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul R. Wettlauffer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".

PAUL R. WETTLAUFER
Acting Chief, Maryland Section Southern



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SALISBURY, MARYLAND



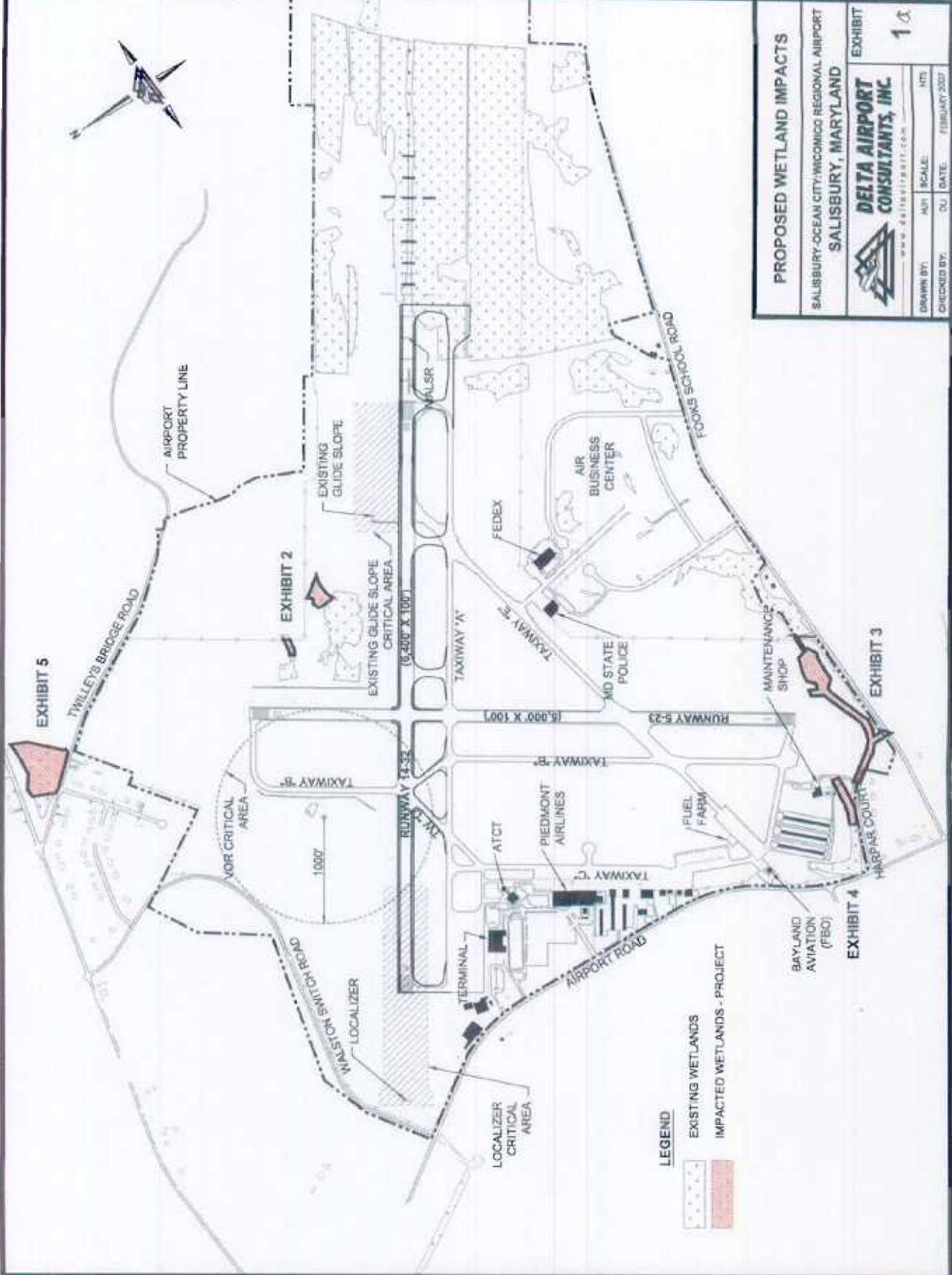
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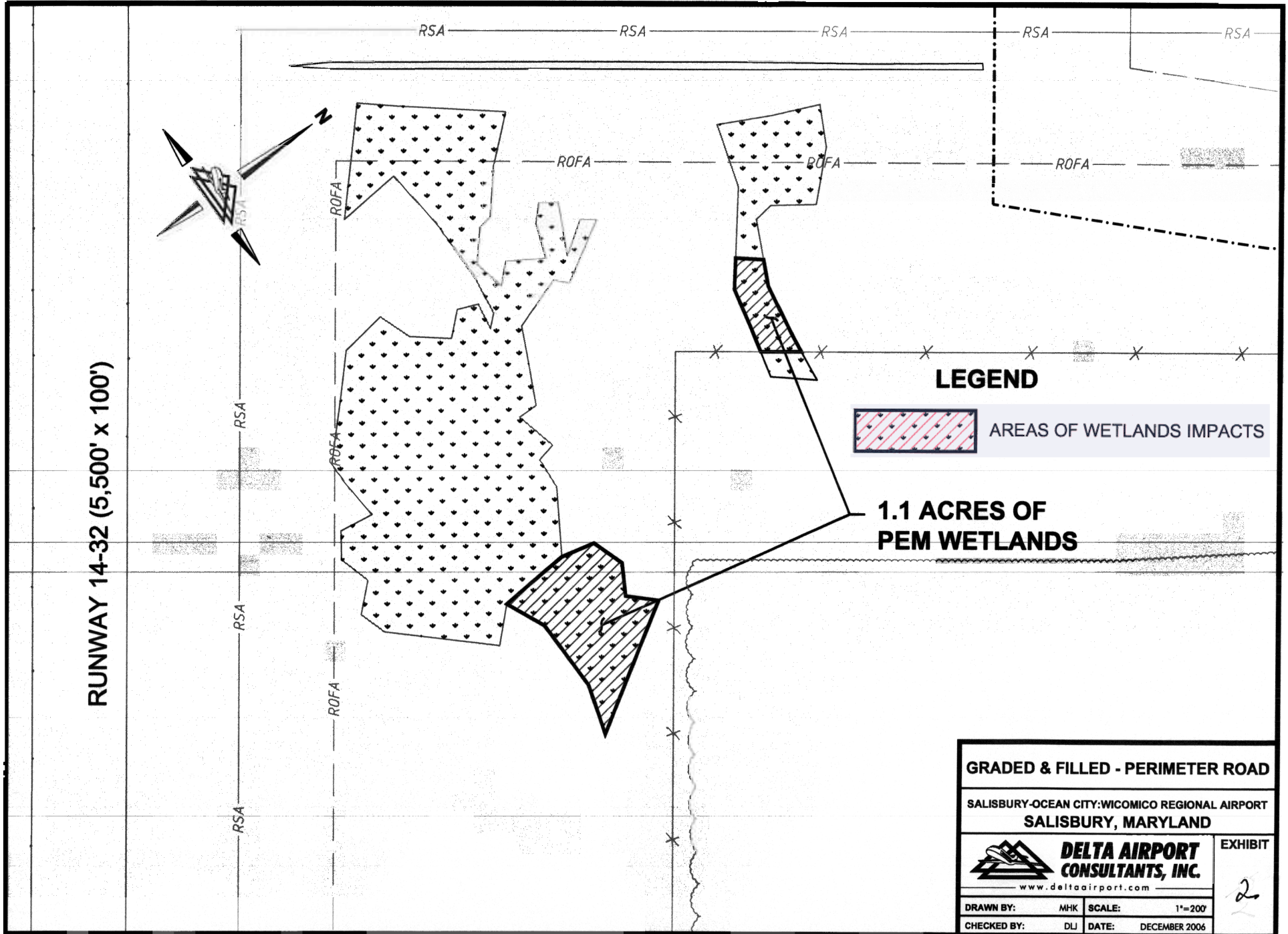
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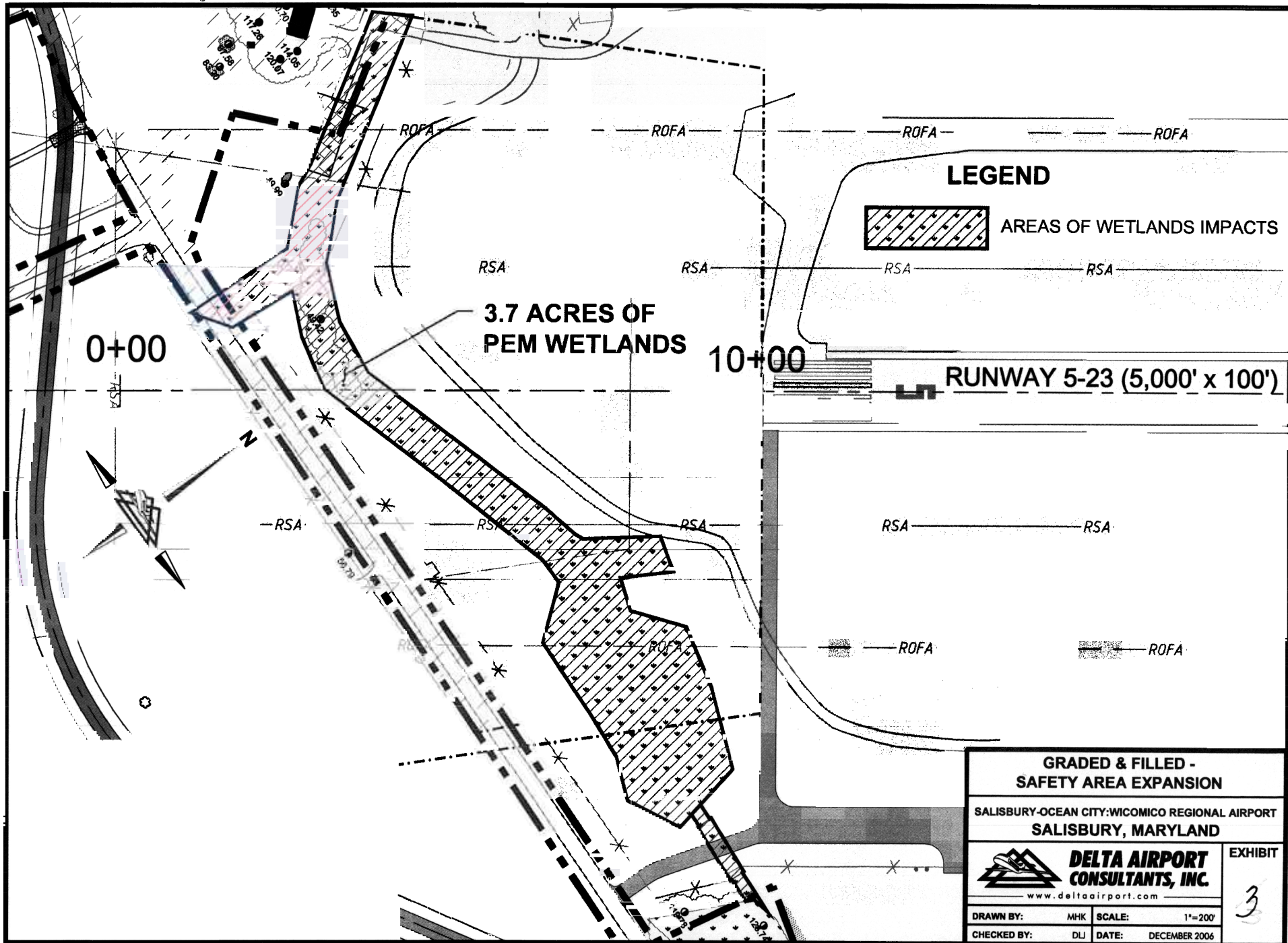
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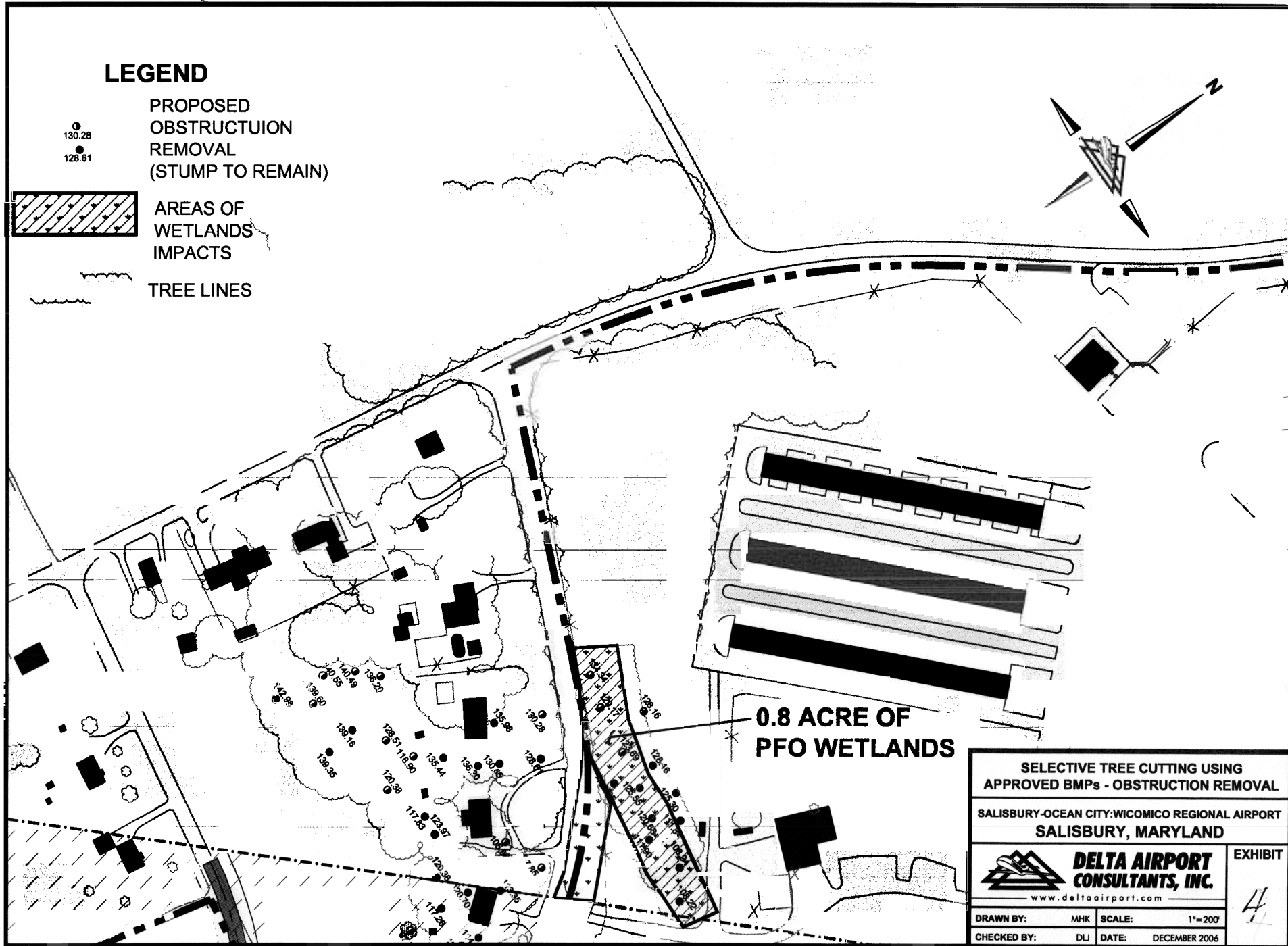
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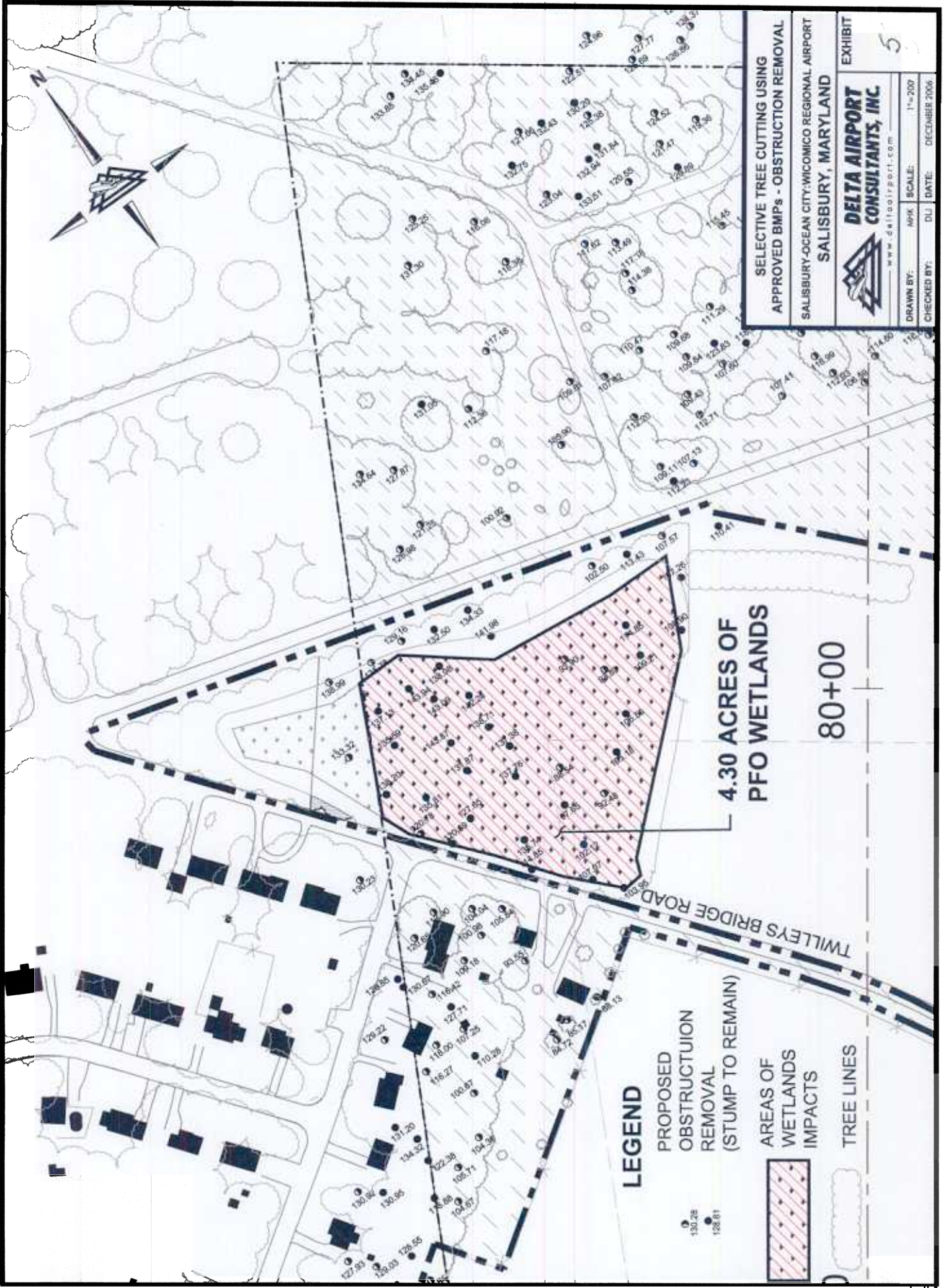
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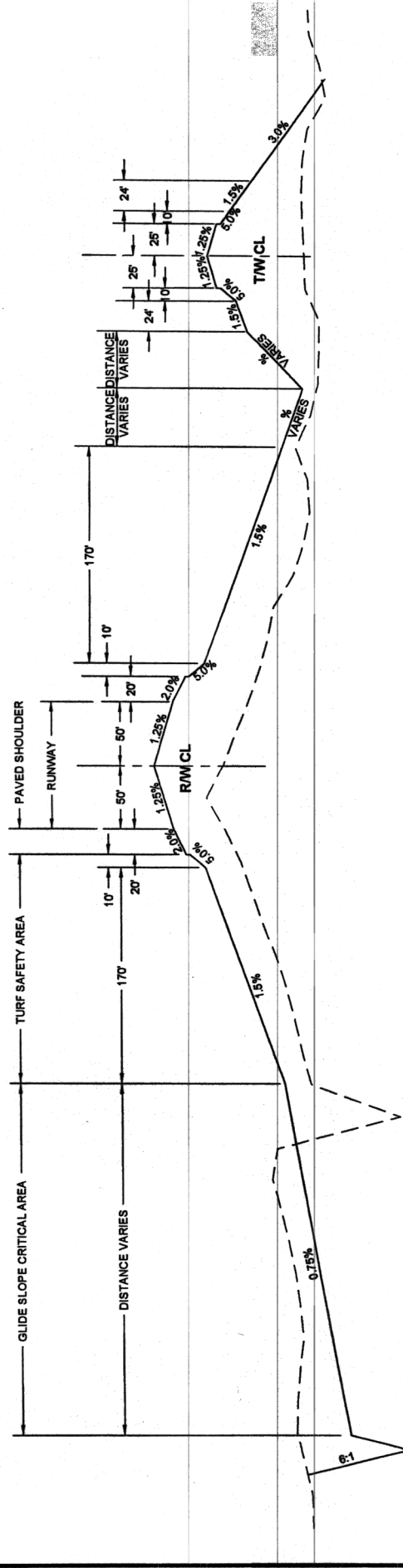




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RUNWAY, TAXIWAY EXTENSION & GLIDESLOPE CRITICAL AREA TYPICAL SECTION

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